

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2012, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 20th day of September, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *is a resident of Derby, New York, loving husband of Sharon and proud father of two children, LuAnn and Hank; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *was determined to enlist in the Navy at the age of 15. To do so he forged his father's name to accomplish his dream and then served in the combat zone of the South Pacific aboard an aircraft carrier as a Navy Air Crewman for two years; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *attended Canisius College after World War II, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *was recalled in August of 1950 to active duty by the Navy and assigned to the Carrier USS Phillipine Sea off the coast of Korea until his discharge in 1952; then in 1953 Lou enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserves as a flight engineer where he served on special assignment in Vietnam aboard C130 gunships throughout the war. In 1988 Lou retired from the Reserves; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *received 19 service awards while serving in the military, including the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *served as a Town of Evans Republican Committeeman from 1962 through 1982, and in 1997 through 2012. Lou served as Chairman from 1997 until 2009; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *worked as Director of the Erie County Office of Veterans Services from 2000 through 2008 assisting countless veterans and their families; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *was the Business Administrator of the Evans-Brant Central School District, worked for the Erie County Employment and Training Services, Erie County Clerk's Office, and various other positions throughout the community; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma *is a Life Member of Highland Hose Company; has served as Fire Commissioner for 15 years with the North Evans Fire District; and is a member of the American Legion Post 928, Veterans of Foreign War Post 5798; and*

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma, is also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of American, on the Board of Directors for the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park, and numerous other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Louis R. Palma's son is following in his father's footsteps just as Lou followed in his father's. Hank, is serving as Chief Flight Engineer of the C130 Squadron in Youngstown, Ohio. His daughter LuAnn, is the Public Relations Officer for the Erie County Stop DWI Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend Louis R. Palma on receiving the Abraham Lincoln Award from the Town of Evans Republican Committee, and for his unwavering dedication to our country and the citizens of Erie County.

***John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator – 11th District***

***Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County***